



## COMMUNITY DECLARATION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO THE 10-YEAR FOOD SYSTEM PLAN

**WHEREAS**, our ecosystem and food systems are interdependent; and collaboration, reciprocity and trust will build regenerative communities for healthy foods, people, and planet.

**WHEREAS**, there is pervasive food insecurity in Whatcom County despite enough land and labor to grow enough food to feed us all.

**WHEREAS**, we see the need to ensure all agricultural land in whatcom county shall remain zoned as such indefinitely.

**WHEREAS**, there is more than enough wealth to provide equitable access to healthy, affordable, culturally appropriate foods.

**WHEREAS**, there are many small neighborhoods and pockets of Whatcom County where people do not have easy, reliable and affordable access to groceries without a personal vehicle or accessible bus stop.

**WHEREAS**, many community members do not feel safe going out in public and accessing food

**WHEREAS**, one in five residents of Whatcom County face food insecurity

**WHEREAS**, the workers powering our food systems face economic insecurity and human rights violations

**WHEREAS**, farmworker labor is essential to a healthy food system, and farmworkers deserve the same rights as all workers for safe working conditions and the right to organize

**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County's population is growing, and we need to balance affordable farmland, household economic stability, and equitable access to locally produced foods

**THEREFORE, NOW SHALL IT BE RESOLVED**, that we the members of Whatcom Food Network affirm our commitment to implementing the goals, objectives, and actions of the 10 year food system plan for an equitable and resilient food system in Whatcom County.

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